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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 23

Two BRASS KNOB missions, numbers [REDACTED] Preliminary analysis of aerial photography from the missions reveals the following items of interest:

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1. CASILDA PORT

One freighter is in port. Two probable and 2 possible missile erectors, 3 possible fuel trailers, and at least 10 other pieces of equipment are visible on deck.

No other equipment is evident in the port area.

2. CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

Thirteen probable oxidizer trailers, 4 possible oxidizer trailers, at least 17 cargo trucks, and 7 probable trailers observed in the area. Eight large and one small tent also noted.

An unoccupied 6-gun field artillery battery and some trenches are located just west of the area.

3. LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Trenching observed along the coast south from La Boca (21-45-52N 080-01-50W) to 21-47-55N 080-02-10W, with inland trenches extending from 21-48-00N 080-01-20W to 21-47-18N 080-01-20W and from 21-46-41N 080-01-00W to 21-46-06N 080-01-10W. Several unoccupied probable coastal defense emplacements are on a ridge overlooking La Boca from the northwest. The area also contains several short trenches and scattered weapons and probable vehicle revetments.

A defensive position is under construction at 21-48-40N 079-58-20W, overlooking Trinidad from the northwest. It consists of approximately 8 revetments and one short trench.

4. CIENFUEGOS PORT

One cargo vessel observed at railroad pier. Boxcars are alongside the vessel, but no cargo is visible. Three PT boats are at the naval base.

An occupied 6-gun AAA site is located .5 nm north of the naval base on Punta Caoba, at 22-09-30N 082-27-25W.

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5. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

One tanker is at the petroleum pier on the west side of the harbor, with a deck cargo of 21 cylindrical probable liquid storage tanks. One large freighter is at La Maritime Pier. The harbor boom is open.

One HOUND helicopter is on the former airfield at Santa Elena (20-02N 07550W).

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STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

The PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] has been completed. Results are 25X1D being published in NPIC/R-1111/62.